ITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEM OFFICE In re Patent Application of Atty Dkt. 839-825 C# M# **HOPECK** Group Art Unit: 2834 1 2 2002 Serial No. 09/741,905 Examiner: Perez, G. December 22, 2000 Date: November 12, 2002 AIR GAP WINDING ME Title: ND SUPPORT STRUCTURE FOR A SUPERCONDUCTING GENERATOR AND METHOD FOR FORMING THE SAME Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment 19 minus highest number previously paid for 20 (at least 20) = х \$ 18.00 \$ 0.00 Independent claims after amendment minus highest number previously paid for 3 (at least 3) =Х \$ 84.00 \$ 84.00 If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) 0.00 Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$400.00/2 months; \$920.00/3 months) \$ 0.00 Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ 0.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$740.00) Please enter the previously unentered \$ 0.00 , filed Submission attached Subtotal 84.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract Applicant claims "small entity" status. 

Statement filed herewith -\$ 0.00 Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) \$ 180.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) \$ 0.00 Other: 0.00 TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED 264.00 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>deficiency</u>, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C. Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714 By Atty: Raymond Y. Mah, Reg. No. 41,426 Telephone: (703) 816-4000 Facsimile: (703) 816-4100 RYM:sl

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## AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is attached hereto.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In accordance with an exemplary embodiment of the present invention, a winding support structure for use with a superconducting rotor comprises an inner support ring, an outer support ring arranged around an outer circumference of the inner support ring, first and second support blocks coupled to said outer support ring and a lamination coupled to the first and second support blocks. A slot is defined

between the support blocks and between the outer support ring and the lamination to

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